

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1078

By Faison

A RESOLUTION to commend Representative Jerry Sexton for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their districts and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jerry Sexton of Bean Station is one such distinguished public servant, who has served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Representative Sexton has been a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic life of Claiborne, Grainger, and Union counties, and he has served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Sexton has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 35th House District, whom he has served as a member of the 109th, 110th, 111th, and 112th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, throughout his service, Jerry Sexton has been prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, born on March 9, 1957, Representative Sexton is the highly regarded owner of Sexton Furniture Mfg., LLC, and a member of Noeton Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process during his time in the General Assembly, Representative Jerry Sexton has rendered sterling service as House Majority Assistant Floor Leader in the 109th General Assembly, vice chair of the House Criminal Justice Committee, chair of the House Public Health Subcommittee, and member of the House

Finance, Ways, and Means Committee, House Naming and Designating Committee, House Education Committee, House Health Committee, House Naming, Designating, and Private Acts Committee, House Local Government Committee, House Transportation Committee, House Business and Utilities Committee, and House Calendar and Rules Committee; and

WHEREAS, he has also served with distinction as a member of the House Finance, Ways, and Means Appropriations Subcommittee, House Criminal Justice Subcommittee, House K-12 Subcommittee, House Transportation Subcommittee, and House Finance, Ways, and Means Committee of Extraordinary Session II of the 111th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Sexton has proven that citizens can make a difference by being involved in their community, which he has demonstrated through his participation as president of the Grainger Chamber of Commerce and as a member of the board of directors of LM4, Local Workforce Development, Food on Foot Foundation, Kingswood Home for Children, and Walters State Community College; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Representative Sexton is most grateful for the love and support of his wife, Marsha, and their children, Terri and Matthew; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a public servant, Jerry Sexton has worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jerry Sexton is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized for his exemplary tenure in the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Jerry Sexton for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 35th House District, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.